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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification by replacing the current title on page 1 as follows:

SATELLITE TELEVISION NETWORK AND NEAR REAL-TIME METHOD
FOR DOWNLOADING AND VERIFYING A SUBSCRIBER REMOTE RECORD
REQUEST

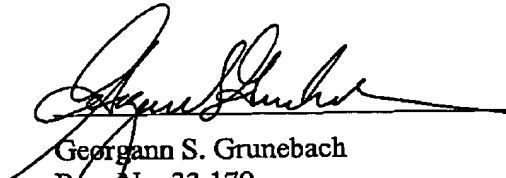
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

This invention relates to satellite broadcast television, and more specifically to a near real time system and method for downloading and verifying a
10 subscriber's remote record request via the satellite broadcast network to control a recording device such as a DVR or VCR.

Description of the Related Art

15 Satellite television programming has become widely available and has become a popular alternative to analog broadcast and cable services. Service providers such as DIRECTV® and EchoStar Communications Corp. (Dish Network™) provide a wide variety of programming. The basic
20 architecture for a satellite television network 10 is illustrated in Figure 1.

As shown in Figure 1, a DIRECTV® Access system 10 includes four primary components; a satellite broadcast center (SBC) 12 that manages subscriber services and
25 billing and stores and uplinks programming content and authorization data, one or more satellites 14 that broadcast the uplinked programming on a number of transponders, subscriber sites 16 that download and play selected programming and a back channel 18 such as the
30 public switched telephone network for communicating billing information to the SBC through a "callback" function.

Satellite broadcast center 12 includes a video server 20 that receives video and associated audio services from a program provider(s) and converts them into separate audio